

changes; and generally relating to rights and services provided to individuals with developmental disabilities.

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Section 7–1002(b) and 7–1006(a)  
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Health – General**

7–1001.

In this subtitle, “licensee” means:

- (1) A person who is licensed by the Administration to provide services;  
and
- (2) A State residential center.

7–1002.

(b) It is the policy of this State that, in addition to any other rights, each individual who receives any services provided by the Administration or by a licensee has the following basic rights:

- (1) The right to be treated with courtesy, respect, and full recognition of human dignity and individuality;
- (2) The right to receive treatment, services, and habilitation in the ~~least restrictive environment~~ MOST INTEGRATED SETTING that is available, adequate, appropriate, and in compliance with relevant laws and regulations;
- (3) The right to be free from mental and physical abuse;
- (4) The right to be free from chemical restraints, except for minimal restraints that a physician authorizes, in writing, for a clearly indicated medical need and makes a permanent part of the individual’s record;
- (5) The right to be free from physical restraints except for minimal restraints that are authorized in writing and made a permanent part of the record by a physician or qualified developmental disability professional and which are clearly indicated for the protection of the individual with developmental disability or others;